

# POBLAUGHT NA H-EIREANN

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### EVEN NOW!

To the Press on August 13th Michael Collins, referring to the death of Arthur Griffith, said:

"I am a soldier but I think I can promise that, if those who are against us will even now come forward and accept the terms offered by the Government, our differences can be composed."

The terms referred to by General Collins were the abandonment of our national unity and national independence, the unconditional surrender of Republican arms, the acceptance of British Imperial Authority and our participation in the conspiracy to defeat the expressed National Will for a Coalition Ministry and establish the Provisional Government as the lawful Government of "Southern Ireland", an area unknown alike in Irish law and Irish history. These terms are forever unacceptable to Irishmen. As a soldier Michael Collins must have known that. Yet he tried to impose them by force and has fallen in the attempt. Will they even now be abandoned by those who pledge themselves to carry on his work? Our differences can be composed when the shameful Treaty and the more shameful Draft Constitution, which alone created these differences, are swept aside and Ireland is, once more, recognised by her own sons as a nation, which, having declared its independence, is free.

### Dum-Dum Bullets and a Dumb Jury.

For six weeks the F.S. Press has howled about "frightful wounds" made by I.R.A. ammunition. But the evidence of the doctor in the inquest on John Edwards murdered by his F.S. guards in Kilkenny Jail was published in the "Independent" in very small print and guiltily kept out of the "Freeman's Journal" altogether.

"The bullet entered at the bridge of the nose making a large exit at the back of the right ear and smashing the bones of the skull."

This is not propagandist lying like Gen. Beasley's description of I.R.A. ammunition. It is the sworn statement of a F.S. prison doctor. Although the F.S. troops in the Jail swore that Edwards had committed no other offence than looking out of his cell window the jury justified the sentry in murdering him "in the execution of his duty." Churchill has made life very cheap in Ireland—and Coroners' juries very cowardly.

### ASSASSINATED!!

At the inquest on August 22nd on Joseph Hudson, callously murdered by F.S. Officers in a raid upon a private house in Glashule Co. Dublin, the legal representative of the F.S. Military Authorities, justifying the shooting, said:

"There is no use in people blinking their eyes to the fact that there is a war going on in Ireland."

Joseph Hudson had for five years worked and fought for the Republic; he was unarmed and had surrendered when he was shot down; and the F.S. troops were free to commit this crime because "there is a war going on in Ireland." On the same day as this justification of murder was put forward in Court, the Chief of the F.S. Military Authorities fell in the same war. He too had given five years of service to the Republic. But now, men, unmindful of Gen. Collins' military position, men who approve the shooting of unarmed Republicans in the name of war, represent the death of Michael Collins as an assassination. Michael Collins was the Commander-in-Chief of an Army in the field engaged in war. He was armed when attacked. He knew of his danger. He fought, inflicting, who knows, what casualties? He fell, fatally wounded in action, as 200 of his troops and Ireland's troops have fallen since he began this war. We regret his death for he had been and might again have been of invaluable service to the Republic; but we regard with loathing the effort to represent it as an assassination. Collins was no canting hypocrite. He himself would regard his death as a soldier's death and be proud of it. The warfare in which he fell was his own guerilla warfare. At least he might be spared this outrage on his memory as a soldier by civilians like Darrell Figgis.

### Freedom of the Press.

#### WHAT DAVITT TAUGHT.

Michael Davitt, in his "Memorandum of Instructions to Organisers and Officers of the Land League," 13th December, 1880, wrote:

"Agents of the Associated Press throughout the country are known to have manufactured outrages near their districts in order to turn them to account in obtaining money by feeding the criminal appetite of English readers; and it is well to remind these gentlemen that while the privileges of the Press entitle them to publish facts and make any just or fair comments thereon, deliberate concoction of outrages will be looked upon as real outrages upon the character and name of the Irish People."

### WAR ITEMS.

One of the many benefits of the Treaty is that the Irish people may pay for the destruction of their own towns by the Black and Tans. The Provisional Government announced on the 22nd that it is about to pay £203,370 to claimants for premises destroyed in the burning of Cork in December 1920 and the sack of Balbriggan in the previous September. The sum mentioned covers only seven claims. There are thousands of others. Were the taxpayers told by the pro-Treaty party at the elections that every award made to the R.I.C. and the victims of the R.I.C. for the last four years would have to be met out of Irish money if the Treaty were to be kept? Britain is certainly having her pound of flesh!

The residence of Miss Nally, Holmville, Rathmines, was raided by F.S. troops at 9 p.m. on the 21st. One of the Officers leading the raid was Col-Comdt. Mitchell who had been sheltered in that house by Miss Nally during the British Terror.

At night on 19th Capt. Sean McGarry, I.D., of Churchill's army held up four little children in Amiens Street and searched them for arms. He was drunk. Civilians nearby hammered him. He is now in custody for drunkenness.

"The Lawn," Peter's Place, Dublin, for long a refuge for men 'on the run' from the Auxiliaries was raided and searched by F.S. troops on the night of 21st.

### Letters to the Press.

Complaints reach us that letters to the Daily Newspapers correcting false news or giving details of raids or other unauthorised acts of the F.S. troops have been suppressed. We are asked to state that in future persons writing to the daily papers should supply copies of their letters to the Publicity Department, Republican Headquarters Suffolk Street so that the matter may be taken up directly with the newspapers concerned.

Is the Treaty worth the price that is being paid for it?

When Cathal Brugha and Harry Boland died did the Press whine about their being killed "by their own"?

No Bishop denounced the mid-night murder of Harry Boland.

The Press admits that Gen. Collins party included an armoured car,